(e) Cases relating to marriage and family affairs and matters connected therewith shall be entrusted to the family courts. The benefits of this set up include speedy and inexpensive settlement of disputes relating to matrimonial and family affairs in an informal atmosphere.

Upgradation of Technology in DD and AIR

*677. SHRl K. RAMA MOHANA RAO. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the major initiatives proposed to be taken by her .Ministry wkh regard to upgradation of technology in DD and AIR in the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the target fixed for coverage of FM Radio Service in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Technology initiatives envisaged in the Tenth Five Year Plan for AIR include Internet Broadcasting Digital Broadcasting in Terrestrial/Satellite mode, expansion of FM transmission network, conversion ofexisting analogue production and delivery systems to digital mode in order to provide superior quality programmes to listeners and to further improve the coverage area. For Doordarshan, these include TV coverage for uncovered areas through transmission in K.u-Band, Digital Terrestrial Transmission, digitalization of production facilities and automated operation of studios and transmitters.

(b) All India Radio proposes to cover 60% of population through FM Radio Service by the end of the Tenth Plan,

Non-lapsable pool

*678. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased 1) state:

(a) the background of forming the non-lapsable pod of resources, total amount accrued in the non-lapsable pool of resources since its inception, criteria fix^d for disbursement of fund and amount disbursed till- March, 2002, State-wise;

(b) whether Govemment of Assam has proposed for funding the implementing agency directly for implementation of State roads as is the practice for National Highways;